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Commission Chairman Elizabeth Fleming
Public Service Commission of South Carolina,
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PSC Participation in NRC Meeting on AP1000 Reactor Design, November 18

Dear Chairman Fleming:

I am writing to you concerning the important issue of the review by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission of the Westinghouse AP1000 reactor design and to request that you direct South Carolina Public Service Commission staff to participate in a November 18 meeting on the reactor.

The NRC will be holding a "PUBLIC MEETING WITH WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC COMPANY ON AP1000 DESIGN CERTIFICATION AMENDMENT - SHIELD BUILDING STRUCTURAL REVIEW" on November 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with a non-proprietary portion of the meeting to be held from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. You can see more details about the meeting on the NRC's list of public meetings at <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/index.cfm>.

I believe that it would be useful to the PSC to have a staff member call in to the meeting and join both the non-proprietary and proprietary portions, if possible. Obviously, you would have to seek special permission to join the proprietary portion of the meeting.

As you will see on the NRC website, a contact for the meeting is listed in the announcement. I have been given the call-in number of 888-566-7686 and a pass code of 17383, which you should verify. I intend to try and join the non-proprietary part of the call but will be traveling so may not be able to do so.

Given the proposed nuclear reactor projects which aim to use the unlicensed AP1000 design, I believe that it would be useful for the Commission to pay close attention to the design review with particular focus on issues of high concern such as the NRC's recent expressions of concern about the "shield building."

Thank you very much for your attention to this letter and your continued attention to such matters of interest to the citizens of South Carolina.

Sincerely,

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